

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program

Housing assistance to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

Nature of Program: The IHBG program authorizes housing assistance under a single block grant to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). Eligible tribes include both federally recognized and those state-recognized Indian tribes formerly eligible under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. The allocation is made under a needs-based formula. The tribe must submit, for HUD's review for compliance, an annual Indian housing plan containing the goals, mission, and methodology by which the recipient will accomplish its objectives during the grant period. The program began in Fiscal Year 1998.

The six categories of eligible activities for providing affordable housing (or related housing services) are:

- Indian housing assistance (modernization or operating assistance for housing previously developed or operated pursuant to a contract between HUD and an Indian housing authority);
- Development of additional affordable housing;
- Housing-related services for affordable housing;
- Management services for affordable housing;
- Safety, security, and law enforcement measures and activities appropriate to protect residents of affordable housing from crime; and
- Housing activities under model programs designed to carry out the purposes of the Act, if specifically approved by HUD, as appropriate.

A portion of each grant may also be used for housing activities wholly self-determined by the tribe.

Applicant Eligibility: Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

Legal Authority: Titles I through V of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (Public Law 104-330) (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 1000.

Administering Office: Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing,
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Sources: Administering office.

On the Web: www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/ihbg.cfm

Current Status: Active.